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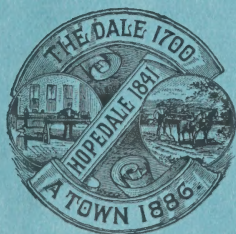
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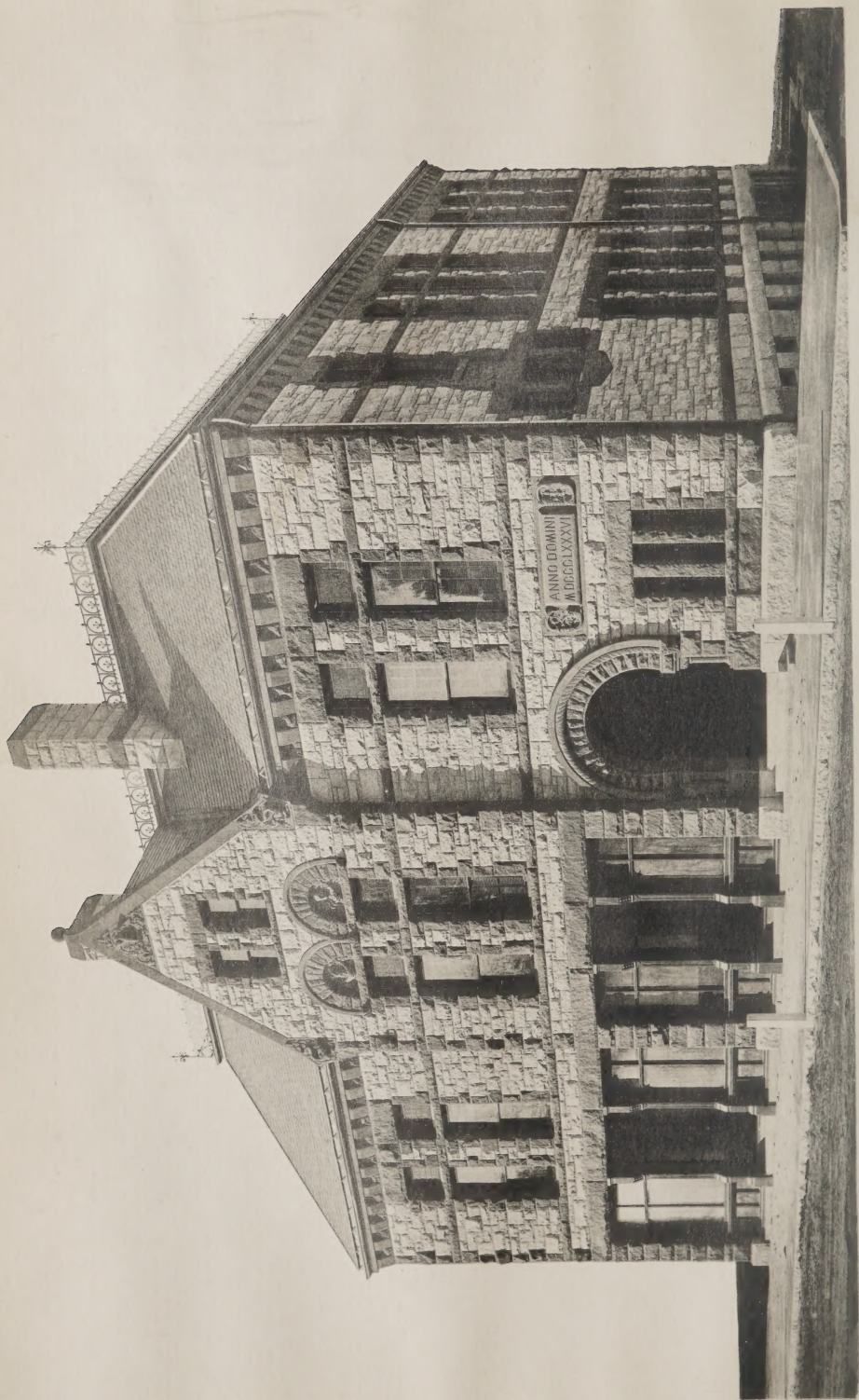
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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk.

D. A. WESTCOTT.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Collector.

E. S. STIMPSON.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health and Highway Surveyors.

J. B. BANCROFT, LEWIS B. GASKILL, S. G. GILMAN.

Assessors.

A. A. WESTCOTT, DAVID NELSON, H. B. FISK.

School Committee.

3 Years.—A. W. HAM, 2 Years.—F. J. DUTCHER,
1 Year.—ANNA M. BANCROFT.

Trustees of Library.

3 Years.—C. F. ROPER, 2 Years.—WM. N. GODDARD,
1 Year.—F. S. HAYWARD.

Constables.

FRANK GASKILL, WM. M. PHILLIPS, S. A. ANDREW,
ROBERT ROSS, T. J. COYNE.

Field Drivers.

CHARLES WATERHOUSE GEORGE COLE. FRANK GASKILL.

Fence Viewers.

F. S. HAYWARD, FRED MOONEY, E. D. WALKER.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, S. S.

*To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said
County, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Social Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1887, punctually at seven o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will accept a building erected by Mr. George Draper for Town purposes.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale this 10th day of August,
A. D. 1887.

J. B. BANCROFT,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. G. GILMAN,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest: SAMUEL A. ANDREW,
Constable of Hopedale.

HOPEDALE, AUGUST, 22, 1887.

Pursuant to Warrant, lawfully posted, the voters of Hopedale met at Social Hall, at seven o'clock P. M., and were called to order by D. A. Westcott, Town Clerk. Town Warrant was read, and upon ballot E. D. Bancroft was chosen Moderator.

VOTED :—That the Moderator read the deed of conveyance.

VOTED :—Unanimously, to accept the building according to the conditions of the deed.

VOTED :—To thank Mr. Draper and his heirs for their generous gift, and that Mr. L. G. Wilson, Mr. A. A. Westcott and Mr. William Bancroft be appointed a committee to prepare proper resolutions on the death of Mr. Geo. Draper, and that they bring in a list of seven names whose duty it should be to make proper arrangements for the dedication of said building, and who should have full power to act in relation to same.

The committee submitted the following report :

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God the Town of Hopedale has been called upon to lament the decease of Mr. George Draper, and would formally indicate its appreciation of his noble services and powerful direction ; therefore, it is

Resolved, That this Town suffers an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That not only has this Municipality been thus bereft of a wise counsellor, loyal citizen and most munificent benefactor, but it is also deprived of one whose integrity in business relations and whose untiring devotion to the public welfare, constituted him an object worthy the emulation and grateful remembrance of all who knew him.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed upon the records of the Town, a copy be also presented to each individual of his immediate family, and duly published in the public press.

The following names were submitted as a committee on dedication : William F. Draper, Chairman ; Joseph B. Bancroft, Lewis B. Gaskill, Simon G. Gilman, Selectmen ; Artemas B. Edmands, Asa A. Westcott, Chas. F. Roper.

VOTED :—That the report of the committee be accepted.

VOTED :—Unanimously, to put the said building into the hands and under the charge of the Selectmen.

VOTED :—To thank Gen. W. F. Draper for his donation to the town of the so-called Dutcher street extension, and for the prompt and liberal manner with which he accepted and paid for such changes as seemed necessary for the successful completion of said road.

VOTED :—To dissolve the Warrant.

ATTEST : D A. WESTCOTT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR,

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

EDWARD S. STIMPSON, COLLECTOR.	DR.	CR.
To tax committed for collection.....	\$10,757 91	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer		\$10,447 93
Discount		200 51
Exempt.....		57 75
Taxes abated		19 30
Uncollected taxes.....		32 42
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	\$10,757 91	\$10,757 91

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD S. STIMPSON, COLLECTOR.

E. L. CHICHESTER, TAXES OF 1886.	DR.	CR.
To uncollected taxes	\$ 67 80	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft		\$ 53 15
Taxes abated.....		14 65
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	\$67 80	\$67 80

E. L. CHICHESTER, COLLECTOR.

Hopedale, January 4, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To cash, orders drawn :			
Tools	\$ 122 30	By appropriation.....	\$ 2030 33
Breaking roads	6 10	Dutcher street land damage.....	500 00
Dutcher street land damage:		Water street land damage.....	700 00
Mead and Taft, \$200; D. Patrick, 150;		Fire department	1 00
Maroney farm, 150.....	500 00	F. M. Mason	1 00
H. L. Patrick	244 00	Geo. Draper & Sons.....	153 46
Acct. W. F. Draper, road	1980 00	Milford Granite Co.....	145 84
Water street damage:		L. B. Humphrey.....	1 20
G. Draper, 30; Wm. Bancroft, 40; L.		J. Miller	2 08
B. Humphrey, 65; J. B. Bancroft.		School department	35
36; Elastic Fabric Co., 35; H. L.		E. D. Bancroft.....	4 05
Patrick, 40.....	240 00	H. T. Osgood.....	1 50
Water street, labor, etc.....	161 36	F. E. Smith.....	22 50
Labor and Material on Roads and Bridges:		Geo. Draper estate.	18 12
Hopedale	1614 57	J. B. Bancroft	6 70
South Hopedale.....	332 59	William Bancroft	35
H. L. Patrick, use of cart.....	1947 16	Milford Water Co.....	10 37
Repairs.....	5 00	J. S. Mead.....	1 36
Labor, Material, etc., ch'g'd sundry parties:	21 37	Hopedale Elastic Fabric Co..	8 40
Fire department	1 00	E. S. Draper.....	60
		Chas. E. Pearce.....	12 50
		Wm. F. Draper.....	62 50

F. M. Mason.....	\$1 00	Dutcher street damage :	
Geo. Draper & Sons.....	153 46	W. F. Draper pd. as agreed..	\$607 38
Milford Granite Co.....	145 84	W. F. Draper, acct. road...	1980 00
L. B. Humphrey	1 20	Material sold and charged...	36 22
J. Miller.....	2 08	M. E. Hall, material:	
School department..	35	Overpaid 1886 account.....	4 51
E. D. Bancroft.....	4 05		<u>\$3081 99</u>
H. T. Osgood.....	1 50		
F. E. Smith.....	22 50		
George Draper	18 12		
J. B. Bancroft.....	6 70		
William Bancroft.....	35		
Milford Water Co.....	10 37		
J. S. Mead.....	1 36		
Hopedale Elastic Fabric Co.....	8 40		
E S Draper.....	60		
Chas. E. Pearce.....	12 50		
W. F. Draper.....	62 50		
Balance undrawn	631 15		
	<u>\$6312 32</u>		<u>\$6312 32</u>
		By balance undrawn.....	<u>\$631 15</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders drawn :

Pay of members.....	\$425 51
Fuel.....	7 00
Water.....	6 00
Lights.....	13 20
Hose.....	225 00
Repairs carriage.....	35 00
Freight and carting.....	1 00
Harness, etc.....	45 80
Badges.....	7 75
Printing.....	10 00
Sundries.....	10 84
Balance new account, unexpended.....	243 88

\$1,030 98

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\$1,030 98

By appropriation.....\$1,030 98

By balance new account.....

\$243 88

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

Poor Department in account E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

Balance old account			
Parties charged as rendered:			
Town of Warren, 1886.....	\$39 05		\$300 00
Town of Uxbridge, 1886....	68 81		200 00
State of Massachusetts, 1886	20 00—	127 86	
State of Massachusetts, 1887.....		4 00	
Town of Uxbridge, 1887.....		107 16	
Town of Mendon, 1887.....		3 50	
Town of Milford, charged \$221.93 on account of Touhey matter.			
Balance new account.....	385 34		
		\$627 86	
To balance, viz:			
Charged.			
Town of Uxbridge.....	\$107 16		
Town of Mendon.....	3 50		
State of Massachusetts.....	4 00		
By appropriation.....			
“ Military aid.....			\$39 05
Town of Warren.....			68 81
Town of Uxbridge.....			20 00
State of Massachusetts.....			
			\$127 86
		\$627 86	
By balance new account.....			\$500 00

The town of Milford also stands charged with Hopedale's share of amount collected on account of the Touhey case, \$221.93.

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

TOWN INCIDENTALS in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders paid:			
State tax, 1886.....	\$695 25		
County tax, 1886.....	635 85—	1331 10	
State tax, 1887.....	1042 87		
County tax, 1887.....	619 65—	1662 52	
Salaries:			
Assessors, 1886.....		77 80	
Clerk,		50 00	
Auditor,		20 00	
Selectmen,		200 00	
Treasurer,		100 00	
Collector, 1887.....		78 14	
Selectmen,		200 00	
Treasurer,		100 00	
Clerk,		50 00	
Assessors,		71 12	
Stationery		13 20	
One-half Commissioners' bill on account settlement with Milford....		175 00	
Legal services.....		534 50	
Printing.....		240 50	
Rent paid.....		39 50	
School house lot.....		600 00	
Richardson & Carr, bills.....		86 26	
By appropriation.....			\$2370 00
" " account Town Hall.....			1000 00
" " School house lot.....			600 00
Rents Town Hall.....			56 00
J. Langley.....			1 25
Balance to new account.....			3167 07

TOWN INCIDENTALS CONTINUED.

D. A. Westcott, sundries.....	\$36 60
Town Hall.....	1423 88
Sundry small accounts.....	85 76
J. Langley.....	1 25

Abatements :

W. Malony, tax.....	2 26
L. S. Patrick for 1886 and 1887, bank tax refunded.....	14 93
	<u>\$7,194 32</u>

To balance overdrawn, account tax, state and county.....	\$2993 62
To balance overdrawn, account Town Hall	367 88

By balance incidental account proper, unex-
pended

\$194 43

\$7,194 32

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders viz:			
Teachers.....	\$3097 71	By appropriation.....	\$4500 00
Care of houses.....	165 20	“.....	200 00
Fuel.....	240 79	“.....	100 00
Books.....	482 78	Property sold.....	71 16
Repairs.....	188 43	Tuition.....	203 00
Incidentals.....	312 45	State fund.....	212 73
Improvements.....	336 81		
Transportation of scholars.....	208 72		
Salaries of committee, 1886 and '87..	200 00		432 89
	<u>\$5,232 89</u>		<u>\$5,232 89</u>

Decoration Day account:		
To order paid.....	\$25 00	Decoration Day account:
		Appropriation.....
		\$25 00

TOWN DEBT ACCOUNT.

To amount paid :		
Town of Milford in settlement.....	\$18,536 95	
By amount paid :		
Cash from funds in hand.....		\$2536 95
Amount due Milford Bank to new ac-		
count	16,000 00	
	<u>\$18,536 95</u>	

To balance amount due on Milford bank	
note.....	\$16,000 00

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

To orders drawn :		
Books	\$1138 89	
Labor.....	269 58	
Printing.....	6 25	
Gas and water.....	19 12	
Supplies.....	93 48	
Periodicals.....	85 73	
Furnishing.....	506 37	
Reading room.....	16 41	
Sundries.....	59 27	
Balance unexpended.....	5 70	
	<u>\$2,200 80</u>	
By balance in hands of Treasurer,		\$995 70
as trustee.....		
Balance trustee fund from la-		
dies, 1886	35 00	
Appropriation		
Appropriation		13 70
Fines.....		144 33
Dog tax.....		47 07
Furnishing sold.....		
		<u>205 10</u>
		<u>\$2,200 80</u>
By balance new account undrawn.....		<u>\$5 70</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

To balance from old account, viz:		By accounts paid, viz:	
Library trust fund.....	\$ 995 70	Highway and land damage.....	\$5681 17
Library, ladies' trust fund.....	35 00	Sidewalks.....	1531 86
Burlingame note.....	50 00	Fire department.....	787 10
Sundry accounts.....	5766 44—	Poor, paid but charged other towns..	110 66
Collector, 1886.....	53 15	State of Massachusetts.....	4 00
Collector, 1887.....	10,447 93	Water.....	516 68
Corporation tax, 1886.....	125 00	Street lights.....	315 94
Corporation tax, 1887.....	6743 09	Interest.....	48 00
Bank tax, 1886.....	58 17	Settlement Town of Milford.....	18,536 95
Bank tax, 1887.....	1814 05	Decoration Day.....	25 00
Borrowed money.....	3000 00	Borrowed money.....	3000 00
State of Mass., amt. charged, '86 act.	20 00	State and county tax, 1886.....	1331 10
Auctioneer's license.....	2 00	State and county tax, 1887.....	1662 52
Account, Library.....	60 77	One-half Commissioners bill on account settlement with Milford.....	175 00
“ Dog tax.....	144 33	Legal services.....	534 50
“ Highway department.....	3081 99	Schoolhouse lot.....	600 00
“ Schools.....	432 89	Town hall.....	1423 88
“ Sidewalks.....	1037 08	L. S. Patrick.....	14 93
“ Town hall.....	57 25	W. Maloney.....	2 26
“ Town history.....	7 00	Incidentals.....	1450 13
Account Poor, 1886, accounts as charged:		Library.....	2195 10
Warren, \$39.05; Uxbridge, \$68.81	107 86	Schools.....	5232 89
S. M. Whipple, note, assumed by Town of Hopedale, for care of cemetery lot	100 00	Balance to new account, 1888.....	4960 03

Acct town debt, note at Milford Bank	16,000 00
	<u>\$50,139 70</u>
To balance:	
Cash from Burlingame note..	\$50 00
" " Whipple note....	100 00
" " Sundry accounts..	4810 03
	<u>\$4960 03</u>

\$50,139 70

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED.

Summary of Appropriations showing Balances January 1, 1888.

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATIONS	DR. BALANCE	CR. BALANCE
Schools	\$4800 00		
Fire department.....	1030 98		\$243 88
Poor.....	300 00		300 00
Poor accounts unpaid.....			200 00
Military aid.....	200 00		
State aid.....		4 00	
Incidentals	2370 00		194 43
State and County tax.....		2993 62	
Highways and land damage.....	3230 33		631 15
Sidewalks.....	500 00		5 22
Library.....	965 00		5 70
Water.....	500 00	16 68	
Street lights.	430 00		114 06
Interest	800 00		752 00
Debt	2000 00	536 95	
Decoration Day.....	25 00		
Town Hall.....	1000 00	367 88	
Schoolhouse lot.....	600 00		

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In making our annual report, we are glad to be able to present the statement of the settlement with the Town of Milford, the difference being adjusted by the Boards of Selectmen of the two towns and approved by the Commissioners appointed by the Court.

The amount agreed upon to be paid to the Town of Milford was, April 6, 1886	\$16,990 25
Interest to Apr. 8, 1886	265 86
Interest to Oct. 6, 1887	1280 84
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	\$18,536 95
Less Mrs. Whipple's note	100 00
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Paid in cash	\$18,436 95

SIDEWALKS.

By appropriation		\$500 00
Paid A. A. Cook, surveying	11 17	
Labor by Highway Department	290 24	
Dutcher Temple Co., labor	56	
John McDonald, curbing	114 80	
Richardson & Carr, concrete	596 55	
By share of curb and setting same, and concreting by sundry parties		518 54
Unexpended balance	5 22	
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	\$1018 54	\$1018 54

HIGHWAYS.

By appropriation		\$2030 33
Paid D. Nelson, labor.....	60	
Mr. Ross " 	6 66	
Curley, M. " 	5 25	
Casey, J. " 	5 25	
Fahey, J. " 	5 25	
Seaver, J. H., extra labor blast'g rocks	19 45	
Hopedale Machine Co., labor.....	19 23	
Patrick, H. L., use of cart.....	5 00	
Milford Water Co., work on Dutcher st.	71 16	
Felix Kearnan, labor on Freedom street	2 50	
Cook, Alton A., setting bounds.....	33 78	
Barrows, E. C., cutting brush.....	12 00	
Cook, L. A., cement.....	6 00	
Bartlett & Ellis, sundries.....	60 73	
Rockwood, D. B., " 	8 65	
Walker, Samuel, gravel.....	17 50	
Estate of George Draper, gravel.....	20 90	
Taft, A. A., gravel.....	15 55	
Phillips, Sarah E., gravel,	18 60	
Taft, O. F., plank.....	7 80	
Gaskill, Samuel, gravel	9 15	
Hall, M.....	12 70	
Dutcher Temple Co., labor.....	9 11	
Morin, A., cart.....	55 00	
Morin, A., snow plow.....	45 30	
Cushman, H. S., harness.....	22 00	
Labor by department.....	1981 57	
Seaver, J. H., extension of Dutcher st.	1980 00	
By Draper, W. F., extension of Dutcher st.		1980 00
By labor and material furnished various parties.....		378 88
Exceeded appropriation.....		67 48
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	\$4456 69	\$4456 69

Of the amount expended there was due the town by various parties for labor and material.....	\$378 88
Extension of Dutcher street, paid by W. F. Draper.....	1980 00
Cart, harness and snow plow appraised at	122 00— 2480 88
Leaving the net amount expended on highways	<u>\$1975 81</u>

INCIDENTALS.

The excess of the appropriation for incidentals is caused by the salaries of the town officers of 1886 being paid from this year's appropriation, legal services employed in the settlement with the town of Milford, and the payment of one-half of bill of the Commissioners appointed by the Court. The unexpended balance of 1886 was larger than the excess of this year, making the amount expended in the two years within the appropriations.

By appropriation.....	\$2370 00
Paid Westcott, A. A., assessors' sundries..	\$14 58
Dewing, F., clerk's sundries.....	16 55
Constable S. A. Andrew	13 00
Constable Robert Ross.....	4 00— 17 00
Lux Engraving Co., town seal	7 00
McLoughlin, J. T., copying.....	4 00
Milford Savings Bank, interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes	33 00
Cheney, W. E., posting bills.....	3 25
Draper & Sons, Geo., letter files.....	3 14
Cook, Alton A., surveying.....	11 89
Richardson & Carr, street crossings and repairs.....	86 26
Wilder, H. B., recording deed.....	1 20
Bancroft, J. B., traveling expenses...	15 50

Gaskill L. B., traveling expenses.....	\$3 54	
Westcott, D. A., sundries.....	36 60	
Trustees Hopedale Cemetery, interest on Burlingame note.....	3 00	
Trustees of Hopedale Cemetery, interest on Whipple note.....	12 00	
Stationery: A. A. Westcott...	\$3 25	
Chas. H. Whiting	2 75	
Frank Dewing...	95	
M. R. Warren...	2 00	
D. A. Westcott..	4 25—	13 20
Legal services: Simeon Borden, one- half of Commissioners' fees, \$175 00		
Legal services of Kent & Dew- ey, counsel.....	527 00	
Chas. D. Gay, stenographer...	7 50—	709 50
Rent of Hopedale parish	39 50	
Printing; A. A. Westcott, as- sessors' bills.....	\$ 7 50	
Cook & Sons, 500 town reports	211 50	
Cook & Sons, warrants, etc...	21 50—	240 50
Salaries as follows:		
David Nelson, 1886-7.....	\$45 42	
H. B. Fisk, 1887	21 00	
A. A. Westcott, 1886-7.....	82 50	
J. B. Bancroft, 1886-7.	200 00	
L. B. Gaskill, 1886-7.....	100 00	
A. A. Cook, 1886	50 00	
S. G. Gilman, 1887.....	50 00	
E. M. Capen, 1886	20 00	
Frank Dewing, 1886.....	50 00	
E. D. Bancroft, 1886-7.....	200 00	
E. S. Stimpson, 1887..	78 14	
D. A. Westcott, 1887.....	50 00—	947 06
Expense of Town Hall: J. Shaw	64 60	
Hopedale Stable, coal.....	193 38	

Milford Gas Company	\$33 25	
Estate Geo. Draper, insurance. 270 25		
Milford Water Company.....	8 36—	569,84
Exceeded appropriation		418 11
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	\$2788 11	\$2788 11

TOWN HALL APPROPRIATION.

By appropriation.....		\$1000 00
To highway department, labor.....	\$107 28	
James Curley, labor.....	2 55	
A. S. Pickering, labor.....	10 94	
Coburn & Olmstead, blankets.	2 00	
Hopedale Machine Co., pipe and coupling.....	12 65	
Harvey B. Wilder, recording deed.....	1 10	
Richardson & Carr, concrete	96 16	
Milford Granite Company, curbing.....	123 50	
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware.....	53 09	
H. L. Patrick, brooms, brushes, etc....	5 82	
Avery & Woodbury, furniture.....	142 83	
Estate of George Draper, gravel.....	8 05	
Smith & Mead, cuspidores	5 20	
Dutcher Temple Company, putting steam pipes in market.....	45 98	
E. R. Morse Safe Company, safe.....	225 00	
Unexpended balance.....	157 85	
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	\$1000 00	\$1000 00

GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation.....		\$430 00
To Milford Gas Company.....	\$294 61	
Electric Light Company.....	3 33	

Geo. Draper & Sons; pipe, etc., and labor.....	\$9 70	
H. B. Fisk, care of lamp at So. Milford	8 30	
Unexpended balance.....	114 06	
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	\$430 00	\$430 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation.....		\$500 00
To Milford Water Company.....	\$516 68	
Exceeded appropriation.....		16 68
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	\$516 68	\$516 68

MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation.....		\$25 00
To G. A. R. Post No. 22.....	\$25 00	
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	\$25 00	\$25 00

MILITARY AID.

By appropriation.....		\$200 00
To balance unexpended.....	\$200 00	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

STATE AID.

Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid rendered Catherine Kean.....	\$4 00
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SCHOOL HOUSE LOT APPROPRIATION.

By appropriation.....		\$600 00
Paid estate of George Draper.....	\$600 00	
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	\$600 00	\$600 00

MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford Savings Bank.....	\$3000 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

1886.....	1331 10
1887.....	1662 52

LAND DAMAGE.

EXTENSION OF DUTCHER STREET.

By appropriation.....		\$500 00
To J. S. Mead.....	\$200 00	
C. E. Pierce.....	225 00	
H. L. Patrick.....	244 00	
Delano Patrick.....	150 00	
By Gen. W. F. Draper.....		669 88
C. E. Pierce.....		12 50
Balance unexpended.....	363 38	
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	\$1182 38	\$1182 88

WATER STREET.

By appropriation.....		\$700 00
To labor by Highway Department.....	\$148 62	
Estate of George Draper, gravel.....	30 00	
Alton A. Cook, setting bounds.....	8 49	
William Bancroft, land damage.....	40 00	

H. L. Patrick, land damage.....	\$40 00	
Elastic Fabric Company, land damage..	35 00	
Miss L. B. Humphrey, land damage....	65 00	
J. B. Bancroft, land damage.....	30 00	
Elastic Fabric Company, $\frac{1}{2}$ surveying bill	4 25	
Balance unexpended.....	298 64	
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	\$700 00	\$700 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Memorial Day.....	\$25 00
Highways	2000 00
Incidentals	2000 00
Interest on town debt	800 00
Military aid.....	200 00
Payment of town debt.....	2000 00
Sidewalks	500 00
Street lights and gas.....	500 00
Support of Poor.....	300 00
Water for fire purposes.....	600 00

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, DEC. 31, 1887.

School house, Hopedale street.....	\$5000 00
School house, South Hopedale.....	700 00—\$5700 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

One hose house.....	\$1200 00
One hose carriage and equipments.....	300 00
Nine hundred feet of hose.....	450 00
Four ladders and 36 fire pails.....	30 00
One harness.....	35 00—\$2015 00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

One road-scraper, small tools, 3 inch plank for bridges, three grates for streets....	\$225 00	
Fourteen street lights.....	120 00	
One cart.....	55 00	
One harness.....	22 00	
One snow-plow.....	45 00	—\$467 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.		

J. B. BANCROFT,	}	Selectmen.
L. B. GASKILL,		
S. G. GILMAN,		

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By Appropriation, March 7, 1887.....		\$300 00
Persons aided belonging to other towns:		
To Brown, Geo. W., town of Uxbridge....	\$107 16	
“ Moore, Mrs. John, town of Mendon....	3 50	
Unexpended balance.....	189 34	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT,	}	Overseers
L. B. GASKILL,		of
S. G. GILMAN,		Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

We have nothing to recommend at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT,	}	Board
L. B. GASKILL,		of
S. G. GILMAN,		Health

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Resident Valuation, Real Estate.....	\$511,777 00
Resident Valuation, Personal.....	222,494 00
	<hr/> \$734,271 00
Non-Resident Valuation, Real Estate.....	46,933 00
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Total Valuation	\$781,204 00
Tax rate per thousand.....	\$13 00
Number of Polls.....	301
Tax on each.....	2 00
Number or Inhabitants.....	975
Number of Tax Payers.....	390
Number of persons paying tax on property.....	188
Number of persons paying poll tax only	202
Number of Horses.....	108
Number of Cows.....	129
Number of Oxen.....	6
Number of Calves.....	4
Number of Bulls.....	2
Amount of Tax committed for collection.....	\$10,749 91
Five Polls added after tax was committed.....	10 00
Bank tax.....	1814 05
Corporation tax.....	6811 34
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Sum total.....	\$19,385 30
Exempted and abated.....	102 41
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Total amount for collection.....	\$19,282 89

A. A. WESTCOTT, H. B. FISK, DAVID NELSON,	}	Assessors.
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Marriage intentions have been recorded for six couples. Seven of the parties were residents of Hopedale, one of Mendon, one of Woonsocket, one of Worcester, one of Boston, one of Uxbridge. Age of oldest, 40 years ; age of youngest, 21 years.

Twenty-five marriages have been recorded. Thirty-seven of the parties were born in Massachusetts, four in Rhode Island, two in New Hampshire, two in Connecticut, two in England, one in Maine, one in Vermont, one in New Brunswick. Age of oldest, 70 years : age of youngest, 18 years. Twenty-two of the ceremonies were performed by Rev. Adin Ballou, one by Rev. H. L. Robinson of Uxbridge, one by Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy of Milford, one by Rev. Charles Tilton of Milford. First marriage of 43 : second marriage of 7.

Twenty births have been recorded—10 male, 10 female. Six had fathers of foreign birth, twelve had fathers of American birth, two, birthplace of father unknown. Fifteen had mothers of American birth, five had mothers of foreign birth.

Fifteen deaths have been recorded—8 male, seven female. Oldest, 69 years, 9 months, 22 days ; youngest, 6 weeks.

There were 74 dog licenses granted—62 male, 12 female. The sum of \$169.20 was remitted to E. A. Brown, County Treasurer.

D. A. WESTCOTT, Town Clerk.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1888.

Giving an account of Property, Names of Members, Number of Fires.

PROPERTY.

One hose house.....	\$1200 00
One hose carriage and equipments.....	300 00
Twelve hundred feet of hose.....	450 00
Four ladders and thirty-six fire pails.....	30 00
One harness.....	35 00
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	\$2015.00

Twelve hydrants located as follows :

Six on Hopedale street.

One on Adin street.

One on Main street.

One in yard of Hopedale Machine Company.

One at counting room.

One on Dutcher street.

One on Union street.

Received of E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer, for pay of members.....	\$425 51	
Paid members and engineers.....		\$425 51
Received of E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer, for in- cidentals.....	387 50	
Hose		225 00
Fuel		7 00
Water		6 00
Gas bills		13 20
Sundries		136 30
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		\$387.50

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount drawn from E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.....		\$813 01
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Paid to members and engineers.....	425 51	
Paid for incidentals.....	387 50	
	<hr/>	\$813 01
Unexpended appropriation.....		186 99
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		\$1000 00
Appropriations for 1887	\$1000 00	

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

T. J. Coyne, Foreman,	G. W. Burgess, Clerk,
Albert Ross, First Assistant,	E. L. Chichester, Treasurer.
F. S. Andrews, Second Assistant,	F. A. Mooney,
T. F. Matthews,	E. S. Adams.

ENGINEERS.

C. E. Pierce, Chief, J. B. Bancroft, First Assistant,
A. W. Westcott, Clerk.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

July 4, fire at house owned by Hopedale Machine Company, occupied by C. F. Roper; damage slight, covered by insurance; cause, fire-crackers. Brush fires April 9, April 12, Oct. 15, Nov. 16. Department called out only July 4.

We would recommend the following appropriations for 1888:

Pay of members and engineers.....	\$500 00
Three hundred feet of hose....	300 00
Incidentals	200 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, Chief Engineer,
J. B. BANCROFT, Assistant Engineer,
A. W. WESTCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.

FIELD DRIVERS' REPORT.

There were impounded during the year 1887, as follows: Two cows owned by Samuel Walker; two owned by J. S. Mead; one each owned by M. Gannon, M. Curley, M. Gaffney. Two horses owned by a resident of Mendon, name unknown.

CHARLES WATERHOUSE,	}	Field Drivers.
GEORGE COLE,		
FRANK GASKILL,		

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE,
MASSACHUSETTS.
FOR THE YEAR

1887

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	Term Expires.
ALBERT W. HAM, Chairman.....	1890
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary	1889
ANNA M. BANCROFT.....	1888

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ALBERT W. HAM, FRANK H. FRENCH.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE
AGES OF 12 AND 16,
FRANK J. DUTCHER.

REPORT.

In presenting the report for the year 1887, the committee call attention to the fact that it is the first that represents a full year's work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Available for use of the school department :

General appropriation.....	\$4500	00	
Conveyance.....	200	00	
Salaries of committee.....	100	00	
Tuition.....	203	00	
State school fund.....	212	73	
Books, etc., sold.....	17	16	\$5232 89

Orders drawn on the town treasurer :

Teaching.

Hopedale, including High School.....	\$2689	31
South Hopedale.....	408	40

Care of buildings.

Hopedale	149	52
South Hopedale.....	23	75

Fuel.

Hopedale.....	224	94
South Hopedale.....	15	85
Text-books and supplies.....	483	43

Repairs.

Hopedale :

A. S. Pickering, mason work.....	\$ 3 05
Dutcher Temple Co., sundry small repairs...	47 30
R. Varnam, carpentry work.....	1 50

South Hopedale :

Field Bros., lumber.....	72 19
R. Varnam, carpentry work.....	48 90
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware.....	4 32
Hopedale Stable, carting.....	1 00

Supervision.

School Committee for two years.....	200 00
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Conveyance.

John M. French.....	200 00
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Incidentals.

R. Varnam, carpentry work.....	19 96
George S. Perry, dusters.....	4 75
Silver, Rogers & Co., maps, etc.....	34 00
Educational Supply Co., chemical and physical apparatus.....	61 00
Thos. Groom & Co., order book.....	7 25
Brigham & Co., rubber stamp.....	50
B. A. Fowler, anatomical chart.....	35 00
Hopedale Stable, freight and carting.....	4 99
Bartlett & Ellis, repairing stove, hardware, etc.....	32 12
Stamps and stationery.....	4 81
Cook & Sons, printing.....	15 75
Frank Wood, stationery.....	4 50
Heliotype Company, diplomas.....	40 00
Hopedale Parish, rent of church.....	10 00
M. F. O'Connell, school census.....	5 00
Hopedale Machine Co., lumber.....	1 22
Milford Water Co., water.....	31 60

Improvements.

Hopedale :

R. Varnam, carpentry work.....	\$ 55 91
C. D. Morse & Co., outside windows.....	35 40
Dutcher Temple Co., painting, etc.....	20 00
A. G. Whitcomb, desks.....	61 75
Hopedale Highway Department, teaming...	35
Hopedale Stable, freight and carting.....	40

South Hopedale :

J. W. Manning, trees.....	17 50
A. G. Whitcomb, desks.....	118 40
Hopedale Stable, freight and carting.....	3 15
R. Varnam, putting down desks, etc.....	20 92
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware.....	7 75
A. W. Ham, trees and planting.....	5 45 \$5232 89

During the past year, the policy of the previous season has been continued as regards devoting a part of the appropriation to the most needed repairs and improvements. Trees have been planted on the grounds at So. Hopedale, a new floor laid, and the school room furnished with single desks. At the Hopedale building some desks have been supplied, and outside windows placed on the north and west walls to facilitate the heating. Text-books and supplies are a smaller item than in 1886. The fall term having been changed from fifteen to fourteen weeks, the amount paid for teaching lacks one week of representing a full year in all grades, except the High school. The object of the change was to avoid opening school the first week in September, when the weather is often quite as oppressive as during July and August.

At the close of the spring term Miss Wormwood, who had had charge of the primary room for a year, was elected to a position at West Newton. As the salary offered was considerably in excess of what we were paying, and the location gave her an opportunity to teach while living at home, we could do no less than to accept her resignation. Under her instruction the room had shown great progress, and she was alike popular with parents and child-

ren. The vacancy was filled by the transfer of Miss Zeigler from the South Hopedale school, and Miss Mary L. Chamberlin of South Framingham, Mass., a graduate of the normal school, was elected to her position. Although changes in teachers are not desirable, they are often, as in the present case, a matter of necessity. We succeeded in retaining the remainder of our corps, and the schools are now moving along smoothly. The erection of the Elastic Fabric mill has added considerably to our population, and consequently to the school enrollment. The opening of another school-room, which was foreseen as likely to be needed in our last report, has now become a necessity. During the fall term of 1887, there were sixty-six scholars in the primary room, fifty-three in the intermediate, forty-three in the grammar, and thirty in the High School. If, as there is no reason to doubt, the usual number of children enters the lowest primary grade the coming season, there will be over fifty scholars in each of the three rooms below the High School at the opening of the fall term.

The best solution of the problem is the erection of a new building for the High School: this would leave four schools of two grades each in the present building, and while a necessity, on account of the lower grades, it will also be a great advantage to the High School, which is now in want of additional room. The new building should be planned with reference to an addition to accommodate the upper grammar scholars when the schools again outgrow the old building. We recommend the location of the new structure toward the southerly part of the village proper; at least as far south as Adin street.

In accordance with a suggestion of the School Committee the town has purchased for the use of the schools an acre of land between Chapel, Dutcher and Freedom streets, formerly owned by Mr. George Draper. This should be graded and brought into condition for use as a playground. A small appropriation each year would soon accomplish this result.

The pupils attending the High School living below Green street have been carried to and from school during the months of January, February, March and December; also, on the same trip, some of the children have been carried to the South Hopedale building.

This course has enabled many to be present during the winter months where it would otherwise have been out of the question. There has been an average of about five scholars in the High School from adjoining towns for the entire year.

The attendance for 1887 is not quite up to the average of the Fall term shown in previous report. If parents would see that their children were in school unless detained at home by sickness or unavoidable causes, there would be a decided improvement in this respect. We have been fortunate compared with several neighboring towns in having had no serious epidemic of scarlet fever, diphtheria or other disease requiring the schools to be closed.

We recommend an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the coming year; this to include salaries of Committee, conveyance, and work on grounds.

For the School Committee,

FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Secretary.

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

Teachers.	Where Fitted.	Grades.	Salaries.
Marion E. H. Barrows.	Wellesley College.	High.	\$700 00.
Lilla J. Bancroft.	Greenfield Academy.	High.	440 00.
Cora A. Rollins.	Lewiston Normal School.	6, 7 and 8.	550 00.
Annie B. Chapman.	Framingham Normal school.	4 and 5.	396 00.
Ada P. Zeigler.	Framingham Normal School.	1, 2 and 3.	414 00.
Anna M. Walker.	Milford High School.	1, 2 and 3.	216 00.
Mary L. Chamberlin.	Framingham Normal School.	Mixed.	396 00.
Mrs. J. I. Whitney.		Music.	120 00.

Enrollment and Attendance, 1887.		Grade I.	Grade II.	Grade III.	Grade IV.	Grade V.	Grade VI.	Grade VII.	Grade VIII.	So. Hopdale Ungraded.	High.	Summary.
Total enrollment.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	258.
Number under 5 years of age.		42.	7.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	9.	0.	59.
Number between 5 and 8 years of age.		7.	20.	20.	29.	15.	17.	4.	2.	25.	5.	144.
Number between 8 and 14 years of age.		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	12.	2.	4.	1.	4.	23.
Number between 14 and 15 years of age.		0.	0.	0.	1.	1.	3.	1.	2.	0.	24.	32.
Number over 15 years of age.		22.40	17.83	17.32	21.29	16.4	21.71	9.38	5.93	27.91	27.46	187.63
Average number belonging.		21.01	16.76	16.40	20.43	15.71	20.75	9.18	5.85	24.58	26.81	177.48
Average daily attendance.		43.79	94.	94.68	85.96	95.79	95.57	97.86	98.65	88.07	97.63	94.59
Per cent. of attendance.		511.	369.	288.	266.	252.	197.	68.	31.	1180.	223.	3385.
Total half days' absence.		79.	31.	39.	44.	25.	19.	12.	8.	17.	67.	341.
Number of cases of tardiness.		6.	16.	9.	25.	14.	24.	20.	10.	26.	28.	178.
Number of cases of dismissal.		4.	6.	3.	2.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	16.
Number of cases of truancy.		0.	1.	0.	2.	0.	1.	0.	3.	3.	0.	10.
Number of cases of corporal punishment.												
Number of visits by committee.				67.		43.			49.	28.	22.	209.
Number of visits by others.				77.		66.			75.	65.	71.	354.

Number of inhabitants in the town as reported by the Assessors May 1, 1887,.....975

Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 May 1, 1887.....182

Per cent. of children between 5 and 15 in total inhabitants.....18.67

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

MR. A. W. HAM, Chairman of School Committee,

Dear Sir :

During the past year I have attended to my duties as regards the employment of minors in the various manufactories, and have not been called upon to act on any cases of truancy.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK H. FRENCH, Truant Officer.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HOPEDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

TRUSTEES :

	Term Expires.
CHARLES F. ROPER, <i>Chairman</i>	March, 1890.
FRANK S HAYWARD.....	" 1888.
WM. N. GODDARD, <i>Secretary</i>	" 1889.

LIBRARIAN :

WM. N. GODDARD.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN :

ELLEN F. WELCH.

The Library is open, except Sundays, every afternoon from 2 to 5.30 and every evening from 6.30 to 9 o'clock, and on holidays from 8 to 12 o'clock in the forenoon.

A cordial invitation is extended to persons temporarily in town to visit the Library.

Town of Hopedale incorporated April 7, 1886.

Public Library established April 28, 1886.

The Hopedale Community Library was established in 1842.

Reading Room and Reference Library opened Dec. 27, 1886.

Circulation of books commenced June 4, 1887.

Rooms in Town Hall occupied Dec. 24, 1887.

Number of volumes in Library,	2478	} Dec. 31, 1887.
Number of pamphlets in Library,	1556	
Number of borrowers registered,	244	
Borrowers' cards in use,	233	
Circulation, seven months ending,	2641	
Number of persons using the Reading Room for the year ending,	2990	
Number of Periodicals currently received,	42	

	1886.	1887.	Increase.
Population May 1,	926	975	49
Poll tax payers,	270	301	31
Valuation,	\$695,629	\$781,204	\$85,575.
Rate of taxation \$13.00 per \$1000.			

The Trustees wish to impress it upon the inhabitants of the town that a Public Library is the proper place in which to deposit any manuscript or printed matter of any kind, whether book, pamphlet, report, notice, poster, hand-bill or newspaper, that contains any direct or indirect reference to Hopedale. If each citizen will bear this in mind and do his share in the matter, the Library will eventually contain a more complete history of our town than can be made in any other way.

The Trustees will furthermore welcome any suggestion that will in any way increase the usefulness of the Library.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE HOPEDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the beginning of the year 1887, the library consisted of about one hundred volumes of reference books which we had been able to purchase through the liberality of General William F. Draper, besides a considerable number of current periodicals. The reading room had then been open but one week. Although the donations of Mr. George A. Draper and Mr. Eben S. Draper were available for the purchase of books for circulation, it was thought best to delay purchasing and circulating them until they could be permanently located; for the building designed and erected for town purposes by the late Mr. George Draper contained rooms destined for the use of the library and was rapidly approaching completion. Unfortunately, however, the work was not completed at the expected time, for the interior finish had been destroyed by fire while still in the mill of the contractors. This accident, with other circumstances, caused so long delay that the Trustees decided to purchase books and begin to circulate them from the temporary rooms. On the fourth of June the registry for borrowers was opened and four books were delivered.

The library was closed for four days following the death of Mr. Draper, which occurred on the seventh of June. Business was entirely suspended throughout the town during that time, as a tribute to the memory of him through whose efforts our town was incorporated and to whom its citizens will ever owe a debt of gratitude for the building which he could not live to see completed and dedicated.

At a special town meeting held August twenty-second, the town voted to accept the building on the terms set forth in the deed of gift from the heirs of Mr. Draper.

The building is of granite and brown stone, with exterior dimensions of 75x69 feet. It is on the main street, and faces nearly East. On the front are two store entrances besides the main entrance, at the right of which are the staircase and town officers' rooms. At the end of the hall, directly opposite the entrance, are double doors leading to the Reading room, 24x22 feet, in the north-west corner; this is connected with the Library proper by an arch 11 feet 6 inches in width. This room occupies the rear center of this floor, and is 30 feet by 17 feet 6 inches, with an entrance from the left of the entrance hall. The finish, furniture and shelving in these rooms is of California red-wood. The entire upper story is occupied by the Town Hall, with the stage and reception and ante-rooms. The basement contains a market, lockup, caucus hall, steam heating apparatus and store cellar. The frontispiece is a heliotype view from a photograph of the finished building.

On the twenty-fifth of October the Hopedale Town Hall was dedicated with appropriate exercises, of which the chief feature was an oration by ex-Governor John Davis Long of Hingham.

The keys of the library rooms were delivered to the Trustees on the twenty-ninth day of October, by the janitor, Mr. Julien Shaw.

At a town meeting held November eighth, an appropriation was made for furnishing the rooms, and on the twenty-fourth of December a number of young men with willing hands moved the books. Thus the library was established in rooms which are not equalled for their purpose, for size and general appointments in any other town in the State with no larger population than that of Hopedale. One hundred and eight towns in Massachusetts are smaller than Hopedale in the number of poll tax-payers. Of this number fifty-one have no library and thirty-six towns which have a larger number of voters are yet without a library. With these facts in view the Trustees desire to express, on behalf of the citizens of the town, their grateful appreciation of the generosity shown by Mr. Draper in granting rent-free to the library, temporary rooms for its use. More than this, they believe that all will recognize the permanent

benefit to the town and to its inhabitants, which will surely come through the elevating influences of the commodious and attractive apartments which he intended for library purposes.

The library, as an institution, is indispensable to a thorough education; it is an invaluable aid in supplementing our common schools and in laying the foundation for a high standard of character as well as for a high degree of intelligence and independent thought. Although the library means merely a collection of printed books, there can be no doubt that their surroundings and the facilities for their use play an important part in developing a desire for knowledge and a love for the society of books themselves.

The remarks of Rev. Adin Ballou at the dedication were taken down by Mr. A. W. Beardsell, who has deposited a copy in the library. In closing, he says: "You have before you the privilege of shutting out, in a very large degree, evil, poverty and vice, * * * perhaps you have opportunity to prevent the formation of bad characters." The library is one of the most powerful influences in this direction.

The advantages of a reading room in connection with the library cannot be overestimated, and, perhaps, where both cannot be maintained to begin with, a judicious selection of periodicals in a suitable room would be of more benefit than the same expenditure for books. If properly cared for and used, the periodicals could be bound and in time form a considerable library in themselves. The number of persons who have used the reading room during the year is as follows:

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
280	239	236	225	143	175	144	233	368	304	309	330	2990

On the wall of the Reading room is hung a portrait of Mr. Draper by Otto Grundmann. It was a gift to the town from Mr. Draper's employees, whose names are written on a subscription sheet and enclosed within the frame. It is acknowledged by all who have seen it, to be the best likeness of our benefactor that has yet been made.

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

Accident News,	Locomotive,
American Agriculturist,	Manfrs' Review and Ind. Record.
American Machinist,	Mechanics,
Bookmart,	Milford Daily News,
Bookseller,	Milford Gazette,
Building,	Milford Journal,
Century Magazine,	Monthly Catalogue Gov. Pub.
Congressional Record, <i>daily</i> ,	North American Review,
Co-operative Index to Periodicals,	Official Gazette,
Demorest's Monthly Magazine,	Popular Gardening,
Electrical Engineer,	Poultry Monthly,
Frank Leslie's Ill. Weekly,	Publisher's Weekly.
Franklin Sentinel,	St. Nicholas,
Harper's Bazar,	Scientific American,
Harper's Monthly Magazine.	Scientific American Supplement.
Harper's Weekly,	Scribner's Magazine,
Harper's Young People,	Unitarian,
Illustrated London News,	Uxbridge Compendium,
Library Journal,	Veteran's Advocate,
Library Notes,	Woonsocket Reporter, <i>daily</i> ,
Literary News,	Youth's Companion.

In response to the appeal for books belonging to what was known as "The Hopedale Library," comparatively few have been received. About thirty were obtained by purchase at a nominal price. Mr. John L. Smith of Milford very kindly presented all that could be found in his possession, and a small number have been received from other persons. The following is a list of those now in the library. The original numbers are prefixed. C indicates that the book has a book plate of the "Hopedale Community Library;" H, that of "The Hopedale Library:

Chambers, W: & R. Information for the People. 2 v. 1851

[These volumes have the book plate of the "Hopedale Mechanics' Association Library" over that of "The Hopedale Library."]

C 194. Grotius, Hugo. de Veritate Religionis Christianae. 1724

H 30. Neal, Daniel. History of the Puritans. 5 v. 1816

C 32. Combe, G: Phrenology. 1839

[On the fly leaf is written "Butler Wilmarth, Leverett, Mass., Dec. 15th, 1840."]

H 114. Wayland, Francis. Political Economy. 1840

H	44.	Boyer, Abel. French Dictionary.	1835
		Donnegan, James. Greek & English Lexicon.	1832
		Somerville, M. Connection of the Physical Sciences.	1846
		Lardner, Dionysius. Lectures on Science & Art. v2	1850
		Perkins, G : A. Treatise on Algebra,	1842
H	67.	Legendre, A. M. Geometry & Trigonometry.	1839
		Ure, Andrew. Dictionary of Arts, Manfrs & Mines	1853
H	52.	Evans, Oliver. Mill Wright's Guide.	1834
C	34. }	American Slavery as it is.	1839
H	58. }		
		Calcott, John Wall. Musical Grammar.	1810

[This has a book plate on which is printed "The property of R. C. & C. O. Read.]

C	151.	Spofford, H. G. General Geography.	1809
H	1.	Hayward, J : New England Gazetteer.	1832
		Marshall, J : Universal Gazetteer.	1839
H	487.	Channing, W : Ellery. Works. 6 v.	1848
		Rollins, M. Ancient History. v2.	1826
		Hume, D : History of England. 6 v.	1850
		Macaulay, T : B. History of England. 2 v.	1849
		Goodrich, C : A. History of the U. S. of America.	1834
C	137.	Hale, Salma. History of the United States.	1839

[On the fly leaf of this is written "Henry Fish, Paris Hill, Nov. 16th, 1841."]

The Sunday School library contains the following books, which formerly belonged to "The Hopedale Library :"

Greeley's Overland Journey. Layard's Nineveh and Its Remains. Livingstone's Travels and Researches in South Africa. Amy Lothrop's Dollars and Cents, 2 vols. Stephen's Central America. Chiapas and Yucatan, 2 vols. Taylor's at Home and Abroad, Eldorado, Greece and Rome, India, China and Japan, Views Afoot. In all, twelve volumes.

It has been reported that permission was given to any one connected with the Hopedale Parish to take such books as he wanted ; and that some availed themselves of this opportunity is evident, for one citizen has said that he sent one of the books to some far country in a missionary spirit. As an instance of the

value of carefully preserving in safe-keeping the books of these old libraries, may be mentioned the two hundred and fifty volumes presented to the town of Franklin by Benjamin Franklin. These books are kept in glass cases and have a value far above the original cost. The books of the Hopedale library were well selected, and, as mentioned in our last report, the receipt of any one of them will be welcomed by the Trustees.

The children of Mrs. Martha A. (Richardson) Goddard, in cheerful compliance with a wish expressed before her death, have given nearly one hundred bound volumes, and a large number of periodicals, the whole of which forms a valuable addition to the library.

As we have heard a public statement to the effect that it was the intention not to purchase books of which copies are in the Sunday School library, it is proper to say that the funds at our disposal can easily be invested in books of the highest rank without purchasing duplicates of those in the other library. This course would give the largest list of books from which the greatest number of persons could select. Of course it is not to be supposed that because a book is in some other library, it will not eventually be purchased for the Public Library.

Blanks are furnished to any one who applies for them, on which applications for books not in the library may be made. With one or two exceptions, all books so asked for have been obtained. The Trustees wish to encourage applications of this kind, particularly for books other than novels.

The number of borrowers reached 244 on the last day of December. Of these, eleven have removed from town, leaving 233 at the end of the year.

The circulation for the seven months has been as follows :

June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
92	272	416	451	509	503	432	2695

The largest circulation for any one day was 47, on November 12th. The teachers in the public schools have been allowed to draw a number of books at one time, on special cards, for use in the

schools. Several have taken advantage of this privilege, which it is hoped may prove an indispensable one, as it is in other places where the experiment has been made.

The library is classified on the Dewey or decimal system. The ten principal classes are numbered from 0 to 9; these are subdivided into 100 divisions, 1000 sections, and further into sub-sections to any extent required. In connection with this system of classification is an extensive subject index, alphabetically arranged, which is of great assistance in determining the class, and with that the location of the books on the shelves, where they are arranged accordingly, those on kindred subjects always being together.

We are pleased to add our testimony to the value and simplicity of this system. It was worked out and introduced by Mr. Melvil Dewey, Professor of Library Economy, Chief Librarian and Director of the Library School of Columbia College. The book numbers are from the comprehensive plan of Mr. C: A. Cutter, Librarian of the Boston Athenæum.

A card catalogue has been made, as the books have from time to time been entered on the accession book and placed on the shelves for circulation. At present, it includes two separate catalogues, one of authors, and one of subjects. Analytical or cross-reference cards will be added as fast as they can be prepared.

The device suggested by the librarian for the book-plate has been adopted by the town for its official seal.

The character of the circulation since the opening in June, is as follows in percentages:

0. General Works....	4.82	6. Useful Arts.....	1.38
1. Philosophy.....	.00	7. Fine Arts.....	1.49
2. Religion.....	.31	8. Literature }	Fiction..69.12
3. Sociology.....	.77	}	Other... 5.47
4. Philology.....	.00	9. History, Biography..	15.80
5. Natural Science....	.84		

That the percentage of fiction is below seventy per cent. of the total circulation is worthy of notice, for the average circulation of works of fiction in public libraries commonly exceeds this rate. As an additional indication of the character of the reading of the

borrowers it may be mentioned that none of the works of those writers of fiction which have been the subject of serious criticism, as to the propriety of their being admitted to general circulation, are in this library.

It is not customary in public libraries to allow borrowers, or readers, to have access to the shelves except in special cases; but if the privilege is not abused, there can be no harm in granting it in small libraries; and where the books are not deprived of all individuality by either a homely or handsome manilla cover, almost any one would appreciate this privilege. It has been granted from the first, and will be continued so long as no unfair advantage is taken of it, for we are sure that there are already many who would be loth to give it up.

With reference to covering books, the judgment of those who have had the best opportunities of observing the effect of covers, is that the books are liable to be damaged unless great care is used in putting on the cover. Frequent renewals are necessary, as the covers soil much more quickly than ordinary bindings; and a book with a soiled cover has a most unattractive appearance. Lastly, the expense of covering is a large one, and the books lose their identity.

On the other hand, it is a very simple matter and entails no expense, for those who fear that a book may be soiled while in their possession, to fold a sheet of paper around the cover, without attempting to make it close-fitting or permanent. We say this, because the experience in this library so far has been that every borrower, almost without exception, has taken a praiseworthy pride in preserving the appearance of the books, promptly calling attention to any damage, and being more than willing to make it good. A continuance of this care will insure the fresh appearance of the books so long as the binding does not give out, and so long as borrowers will remember that to use a book only with clean hands does more towards preserving its appearance than any cover can do. An examination of those books most largely circulated, will show very clearly defacements which cannot be prevented by any covering.

As mentioned in the last report, it was expected that a considerable amount would be expended for binding; but on further con-

sideration it was thought best to expend the money for books, and to defer the binding of many periodicals until possibly complete sets should be obtained. That this course will be the best in the end, is the unanimous opinion of the board.

It is the custom in many Massachusetts towns to apply the proceeds of the dog tax to the uses of the library. Where this custom prevails, those whose dogs never do any damage have the satisfaction of knowing that their payment for the privilege of keeping a dog is applied to the support of one of the best of local institutions, and in consequence they probably take a livelier interest in the library.

To extend the feeling of personal interest which is essential to the best success of any society or educational institution, and to make it more nearly universal in our town, we recommend for the library appropriation for the ensuing year, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax, an amount equal to the poll taxes assessed for the year 1888. The amount of this appropriation will represent a payment of a little less than four cents a week for each poll tax payer; and for this sum he will receive for himself and his family all the privileges of the library. If any one is disposed to value these privileges slightly, we tender him a cordial invitation to visit the library and become acquainted with its contents, as he surely must have neglected to do so before. On the contrary, we hope there are many who will think this amount insignificant, and who will be disposed to augment it by sending gifts of gold, or of books or other printed matter.

It is without doubt fully understood that this favorable showing, representing, as it does, large returns for small investments, could not have been made except for the fact that the ample rooms planned by Mr. Draper, as a part of his munificent gift, are free of expense to us for rent; nor without the cash contributions from his sons, which have enabled us to procure the reference books and almost all the books for circulation.

If the appropriations are granted, as recommended, we estimate that the library can be increased by the addition of from 150

to 200 volumes during the year. A further sum can be advantageously expended in completing sets of standard periodicals.

Number of volumes in the library January 1, 1887.....	615
purchased in 1887.....	1,045
presented in 1887.....	818
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in the library December 31, 1887.....	2,478
Number of pamphlets in the library January 1, 1887.....	1,371
presented in 1887.....	185
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in the library December 31, 1887.....	1,556
Number of periodicals in incomplete volumes Jan. 1, 1887..	162
presented in 1887.....	677
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in the library December 31, 1887.....	839

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures, and a list of those who have made gifts to the library, follows this report.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM N. GODDARD,

Secretary.

February 13, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of donations on hand, January 1, 1887 :		
For books.....	995	70
General purposes.....	35	00
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Appropriation.....		500 00
Proceeds of dog tax....		144 33
Fines.....		13 70
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		\$1688 73
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EXPENDITURES.

LIGHTING, HEATING AND CARE OF ROOMS.

Mrs. Kate Crehan, cleaning.....	22	00	
Gould & Co., oil.....	5	09	
Hopedale stable, coal and wood.....	11	50	
H. L. Patrick, oil, etc.....	2	53	
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FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Avery & Woodbury, table.....	1	25	
Hopedale Machine Co., screen door.....	4	35	
	<hr/>		5 60

SUPPLIES.

G. M. Billings, stationery.....	1	25	
Carter, Rice & Co , envelopes.....	3	20	
Conant & Newhall, cards.....	4	31	
Cook & Sons, printing.....	4	50	
Cornell & Shelton Co., cases.....	2	50	
W. N. Goddard, tools.....		43	
Library Bureau, blank books, cards, etc.....	52	01	
H. L. Patrick, sundries.....		98	
Frank Wood, book plates, etc.....	24	30	
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Ellen F. Welch, salary			260 00
Library Buread, binding 5 volumes.....			6 25
Thirty-two periodicals.....			85 73
Ten hundred and forty-five books			1138 89

SUNDRIES.

Bartlett & Ellis, setting up stove.....	1 41	
Cook & Sons, reports.....	11 00	
Samuel Dean, labor.....	1 93	
Dutcher Temple Co., repairs, etc.....	3 79	
W. N. Goddard, sundry expenses.....	11 09	
Hopedale Stable, transportation.....	14 82	
H. L. Patrick, stamps and box rent.....	9 72	
G. A. Sherborne, express.....	1 65	
D. A. Westcott, insurance.....	2 25	
		<hr/> 57 66
		<hr/> \$1688 73

FURNISHING ROOMS IN TOWN HALL.

Special appropriation.....	465 00	
Walter Dixon, furniture.....	45 00	
H. L. Patrick, goods returned.....	1 67	
Alex Eno, moulding.....	40	
		<hr/> \$512 07

EXPENDED.

Avery & Woodbury, carpet, etc.....	1 90	
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware.....	14 97	
Carne & Jones, woodwork.....	115 00	
Dutcher Temple Co., finishing, etc.....	98 36	
Field Bros., lumber.....	18 60	
F. H. French, clock.....	11 00	
Hopedale Machine Co., woodwork and lumber..	102 17	
Hopedale Machine Co., Foundry Dept., castings.	6 33	
Hopedale Stable, freight.....	5 50	
C. S. Knowles, carpeting.....	31 66	
Library Bureau, furniture.....	47 80	
Palmer, Parker & Co., lumber.....	8 65	
A. G. Whitcomb, chairs.....	44 43	
Unexpended balance.....	5 70	
		<hr/> \$512 07

Summary of the Receipts and Expenditures since the Library was Established.

RECEIPTS.				
Year.	Appropriations.	Donations	Other Sources.	Totals.
1886	430 03	1435 92		1865 95
1887.....	644 33		13 70	638 03
	*465 00		47 07	512 07
Totals.....	1539 36	1435 92	60 77	\$ 3036 05

EXPENDITURES.									
Year.	Books.	Per'dicals.	Binding.	Services.	Supplies.	Fixtures and Furniture.	Lighting, Heating and Care.	Sundries.	Unexpended Appropriation.
1886.....	405 22	82 98		10 00	70 41	218 65	21 29	20 81	5 84
1887.....	1138 89	85 73	6 25	260 00	93 48	5 60	41 12	57 66	5 70
						506 37			
	1544 11	168 71	6 25	270 00	163 89	730 62	62 41	78 47	11 59
									\$ 3036 05

* Special appropriation for furnishing the rooms in the Town Hall.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1887.

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Accident News Publishing Co., <i>New York, N. Y.</i>	1	
Ames Free Library, <i>North Easton</i>	2	
Boston Public Library.....		1
Boylston Public Library, <i>Templeton</i>	1	
Brattleboro, <i>Vermont</i> , Free Library.....	1	
Brookline Public Library	2	* 2
Chelsea Public Library.....		1
Chicopee Town Library.....	1	* 1
Congdon, H. L., <i>New York, N. Y.</i>	1	
Draper, George. 313 periodicals.	1	91
Dutcher, Frank J. 58 “	11	
“ Grace M.	4	
“ Mrs. M. A. 6 periodicals.	24	
Ely, Hon. Frederick D. <i>Dedham</i>	5	
Fairfield, S. M. <i>Boston</i>	8	1
Fales, Henry E. <i>Milford</i>	3	
Fay Library, <i>Southborough</i>	1	
Fay, Rimmon C.	5	
Gannon, Michael.....	2	
Gardner Free Library.....	1	
Goddard, Mrs. M. A., heirs of, 300 periodicals.	92	3
Goddard, Wm. N.		14
Great Barrington Free Library.....	1	
Hanson Library Association.....	1	
Hartford, <i>Conn.</i> , Steam Boiler Ins. and Ins. Co.	1	
Harvard College, <i>Justin Winsor, Ln., Cambridge</i> ,		9
Hoar, Hon. G: F., <i>Senator, Washington, D. C.</i>	134	1 map.
Hubbard, James M. <i>Boston</i>		2
Lawrence Free Public Library.....	1	* 1
Lincoln Public Library.....	1	1
Marlborough Public Library.....		* 5
Massachusetts, State of.....	456	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Nevins Memorial Library, <i>Methuen</i>	2	
New Bedford Free Public Library.....	4	
North Adams Public Library.....	1	* 2
North Chelmsford Library Association.....	1	
Osgood, Thomas E.	1	
Smith, John L. <i>Milford</i>	6	
Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i>	18	
Southworth, Wm. S., <i>Lowell</i>	4	
Stoughton Public Library.....	1	
Taft Public Library, <i>Mendon</i>		2
Tewksbury Public Library.....	1	
United States Bureau of Education.....	11	22
“ “ Signal Service.....	6	
West Brookfield Public Library.....		* 2
Wilmarth, N. B., <i>Walpole</i>		* 2
Windsor, <i>Vermont</i> , Library Association.....	1	

* Including annual reports which have also been exchanged with the following libraries:

Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> .	Middleborough Public Library.
Brockton Public Library.	Milford Town Library.
City Library Association, <i>Springfield</i> .	North Brookfield Free Pub. Library.
Concord Free Public Library.	Northboro Free Library.
Dedham Public Library.	Peabody Academy of Science, <i>Salem</i> .
Everett Public Library.	Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> .
Fall River Public Library.	Somerville Public Library.
Lancaster Town Library.	Taunton Public Library.
Leicester Public Library.	Uxbridge Free Public Library.
Lynn Public Library.	Wayland Library.
Malden Public Library.	Whitman Public Library.
Melrose Public Library.	

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